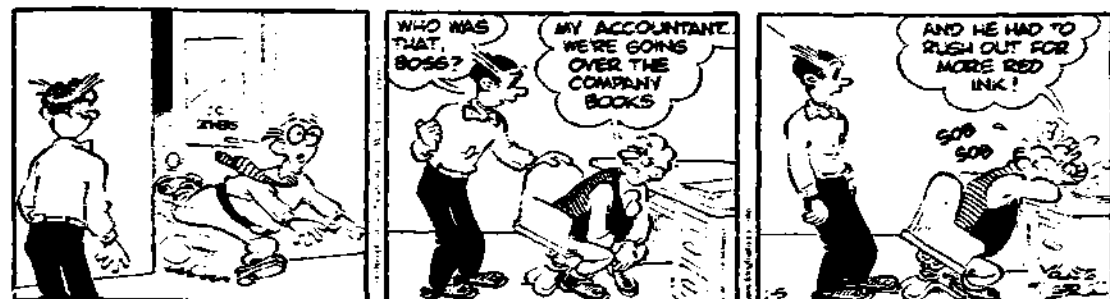
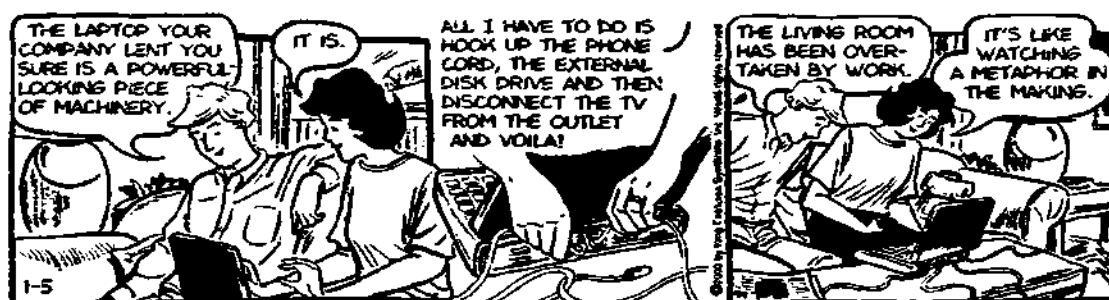


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



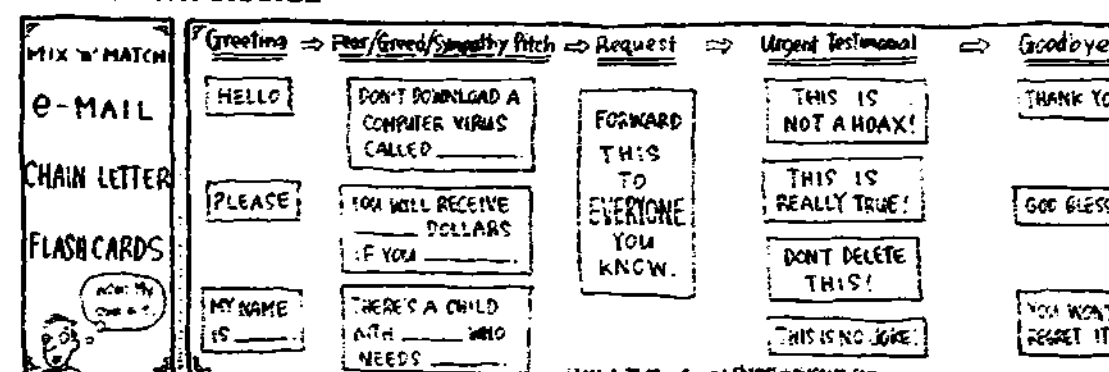
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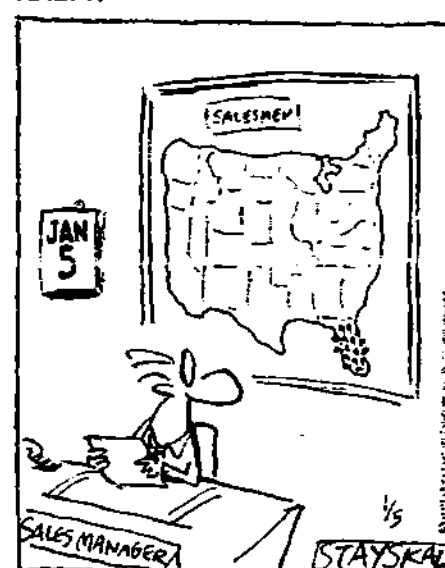
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Sun Records founder Sam Phillips is 77. Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 72. Actor Robert Duval is 69. Football Hall of Fame coach Chuck Noll is 68. Talk-show host Charlie Rose is 58. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 54. Actor Ted Lange is 53. Rhythm-and-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 51.

I NEED HELP



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H	S	G	E	R	O		2nd Letter
L	G	O	L	N	A	O	
M	R	F	I	S	I	E	4th Letter
V	C	I	A	B	N	P	Triple Word Score

PAR SCORE 140-150
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Syllable-Weighted) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TO MORROW 1-4-99 © 2000, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

THINGS IN A COCKPIT

BWSURPMJHECZXUS
QNLEJEGECHKZXVT
RPNLNJLHECCAAYW
VTRPNOLOIAUKPIG
ELTTORHTSTEECSB
ZXTRANSPONDERSW
USRPIOAPDAOIDAR
MRETEMITLALCJPA
IGEKDLTSBAEYXMD
WUKCOLCATSQHPOA
ONLTKYJHBGFDCCR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hints INDICATES YOUR HEADING

Altimeter	Headphones	Radio	Transponder
Autopilot	Maps	Stick	Trim tab
Clock	Pedals	Tach	Yoke
Console	Radar	Throttle	

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Jan. 6

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Pay close attention to your professional reputation today.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Make plans to have a good time today, and then stick to them.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you are counting on someone else to make it happen, you had better think again.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) In order to deal with a current problem, you might have to spend some time on your own.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're feeling healthy and glad to be alive, and that's great.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your hard work finally pays off today.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) An issue from the past comes back to haunt you today.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) This is a great day to sign business contracts.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Money issues should be your main concern right now.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) As the moon enters your house today, take some time to really enjoy life.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) It might be time to tighten the reins a little if you feel that your life is getting out of control.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you get into trouble today, it might be time to call in a favor from a friend who owes you one.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

After South denied a major, West led spades, hoping to hit partner's suit. Elated with West's lead and dummy's vulnerable spade holding, East took two spades, expecting to drop J-x from South. Had it dropped, the defenders would take the first five tricks for a quick one down. However, when the jack did not drop, East continued with a third spade, hoping to gain entry in clubs. It didn't work. South won and safely ducked a diamond to West, and that was all for the defenders. South claiming an over-trick. "I should have led a low spade back at trick two," explained East. "That would maintain our communications, and he could not establish diamonds." "Not so," countered South. "If you lead a low spade back, I will know what you are up to. Then I will win dummy's spade king and run the hearts. After cashing two top diamonds, I give you the lead in spades, and you must lead away from your club king. Both were right. East probably should have given up trying to drop J-x in spades. West may have led low from 10-9-x-x (or held the diamond king instead of the Q-J). South's endplay was the most likely way to counter East's proposed defense.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 112

- ACROSS**
- Purchase for a 1950's home
 - Hot
 - Oscar night rental
 - More than sarcastic
 - No-no
 - Classic cookie
 - With 58-Across, a famous Elmer Fuddism
 - Put away
 - Pub pint
 - Garish
 - Had a big mouth
 - Gung-ho
 - Go bad
 - Skiers' destination, with "the"
 - Geneva's Leman
 - Fence sitter
 - Sluggo Sammy song rendition
 - Elmer Fudd
 - Actress Tyne
 - Not go the direct route
 - Self-image
 - Air force heroes
 - Inventor of the Cube
 - Leafy shelter
 - No. 35 on the periodic table
 - Stir up
 - Two or more eras
 - Camping grp.
 - See 17-Across
 - Betty of cartoons
 - Symbol of a lingering scandal
 - Fix up
 - Run into
 - Cross of a male horse and a female donkey
 - Mideast port
- DOWN**
- Smoking and others
 - Most of the Arctic Ocean
 - 55 minutes past the hour
 - Suffix with substance
 - Counterpart of substance
 - Surfaced, as roads
 - "How Can Sure" (1967 hit)
 - Monk's hood
 - It's used to walk the dog
 - Dutch cheese
 - "It must be him, shall die"
 - Early
 - "on your life"
 - Place for a five and ten?
 - Opposite of an ans.
 - Thin, as sound
 - Candle's light
 - Carefree
 - Big TV maker
 - Locales
 - Croquet site
 - Plug along
 - Gomer Pyle's grp.
 - "Of ___ I Sing"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

OFALL PLEA BACH
RADIO RYES ECHO
CHOPSTICKS STIR
ADS TIME FOULS
MINCEMEATPIE
DINETTE AXIS
IDEA ERIN KAT
BLENDERSTINGS
SYD ANAT COUP
SRUG ANNEXES
GRATEFULDEAD
LEVIS YAWN SAW
UPON WHIPSTITCH
ERIK WANT ENEMY
DODO WIGS SATES

37 Blood component
38 Othello's betrayer
39 Hit the brakes
40 Shakespearean city
41 Center of a ball?
44 "East of Eden" brother
46 Like a baby in a highchair
47 Deep down

48 Diane of "Armie Hall"
50 Go off
51 Under way
52 Raising hell
54 Cast wearer's frustration

55 "Mariene" (1944 song)
58 Big Blue
59 A Stogie
60 Weed killer
61 Qui's opposite
62 Lingerie item

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